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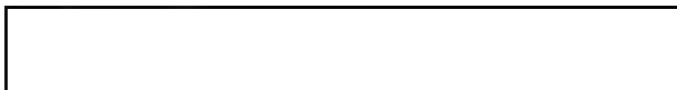
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Congo: Prime Minister Nehru has implied that the continued movement of Indian troops to the Congo may be delayed unless UN control of the key port city of Matadi is assured. Speaking to the Indian Parliament, he urged that the port be re-occupied by UN troops as soon as possible--by force if necessary. About 2,300 Indian troops are tentatively scheduled to leave Bombay on 29 March by sea for Matadi, where they could arrive about 16 April. CK

Liberian President Tubman has rebuffed Tshombé's efforts to visit Monrovia, alleging that Liberian bitterness over Lumumba's death makes the visit inadvisable from a security standpoint. Tubman apparently fears that a meeting with Tshombé would leave him open to international criticism as a servant of "imperialist" interests. 25X1

*Iraq: A strike of Baghdad taxi and bus operators, protesting a new gasoline tax, is being exploited by anti-Qasim nationalists as well as Communist elements to develop a general demonstration of popular hostility against the regime. Security forces have taken no action against the strikers in the absence of Qasim, who left the city on 26 March for a visit to Basra. Qasim would appear to have been placed in a situation where he must either back down or use force in an unpopular cause.

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